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## For Immediate Release

## **Excise Officers Cite Businesses, Make Arrest at Swiss Wine Festival**

**VEVAY, Ind. (Aug. 23)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited three businesses and arrested one minor during the Swiss Wine Festival last night.

Excise officers patrolled in and around the festival to promote public safety by enforcing the state's alcohol laws.

The River House, 212 Fairy Street, in Vevay, was cited on preliminary charges of allowing a minor to loiter, employing unlicensed personnel and failure to maintain employee-permit records.

Striker Bowling Center, 706 E. Main Street, in Vevay, was cited on preliminary charges of unauthorized dealings (retail-to-retail alcohol purchase), employing unlicensed personnel and failure to maintain employee-permit records.

Indian Creek Winery, 6491 County Line Rd NE, in Georgetown, was cited on a preliminary charge of serving wine at a festival without a festival permit.

Excise officers also arrested a 20-year-old man from Alabama on preliminary charges of being in a tavern and illegal consumption of alcohol. Officers found him playing pool with his father in the River House bar.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

All respondents are to be presumed not liable until, and unless the plaintiff can prove by preponderance of the evidence the respondent's liability in an administrative hearing.